

*Stated Meeting, May 5, 1893.*

Vice-President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

Letters of envoy were received from the K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Bath and West and Southern Counties Society, Bath, Eng.; Royal Statistical Society, Meteorological Office, London, Eng.; Texas Academy of Science, Austin.

Letters of acknowledgment (139) were received from the Naturforschende Gesellschaft des Osterlandes, Altenberg, Germany; Deutsche Seewarte, Hamburg, Germany; Profs. Aristides Brezina, Matthew Much, Friederich Müller, Vienna, Austria; Société de l'Histoire de France, Paris; Sir John Evans Hensel, Hempstead, England; Philosophical and Literary Society, Leeds, England; Royal Astronomical Society, Victoria Institute, Royal Society, Royal Institution, Zoölogical Society, Institution of Civil Engineers, Royal Statistical Society, Royal Meteorological Society, Mr. C. Juhlin Dannfeld, London, England; Natural History Society, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England; Sir Lowthian Bell, Northallerton, England; Radcliffe Observatory, Prof. J. J. Sylvester, Oxford, England; Mr. Alfred R. Wallace, Parkstone, Dorset, England; Academy of Science, Rochester, N. Y.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Zoologisch-Botanische Gesellschaft, K. K. Naturehistorische Hofmuseum, Vienna, Austria; Deutsche Seewarte, Hamburg, Germany; K. Sächs. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Ministero di Agricoltura, Industria e Commercio, Rome, Italy; R. Osservatorio Astronomico, Turin, Italy; Royal Institution, Meteorological Council, Royal Microscopical Society, London, England; American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, Mass.; Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Yale University, New Haven; American Museum of Natural History, Messrs. J. Wiley & Sons, New York, N. Y.; Smithsonian Institution, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. J. C.

Mendenhall, Washington, D. C.; Prof. Alexander Macfarlane, Austin, Tex.; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Amherst, Cambridge, Mass.; New Haven, Conn.; Newark, N. J.; Morgantown, W. Va.; Byran, Tex.; Lafayette, Ind.; Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. Fraley moved that the letter in reference to the Halde-man Indian collection be referred to the Curators, to report to the Society. Remarks were made by Dr. Morris, Mr. Prime and Prof. Cope. The Chairman observed that no objects should be loaned, according to a By-Law of the Society, except for the purpose of study. The motion was carried.

A portrait of the late Matthew Carey was presented to the Society, on behalf of the Hon. Henry Carey Baird.

On motion of Curator Dr. Morris, the Secretaries were requested to return to Mr. Henry C. Baird the thanks of the Society for the gift of the portrait of Matthew Carey.

Prof. Cope presented a paper for the Proceedings, by title, "Notes on the Classification and Taxonomy of the Testudina-ta," by G. Baur, University of Chicago.

Pending nominations for membership, Nos. 1249, 1250, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, were read.

Dr. J. Cheston Morris presented a communication from the Curators, which was received and referred to the Hal Committee for reply.

Dr. Morris moved that the Curators be authorized to dispose of such objects as are of no value to the Society.

Discussion by Dr. Brinton, Prof. Cope, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Prime, Dr. Morris. The motion was adopted.

Prof. Cope requested information about the programme of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration.

Dr. Brinton gave information as to the action of the Com-mittee appointed for the purpose.

Remarks were made by Prof. Cope, Dr. Brinton, Dr. Morris, Mr. Fraley on the publication in reference to the proceedings of the Society in the public papers, with reference to the report of the proceedings of the Society at a previous meeting.

And the meeting was adjourned by the presiding member.